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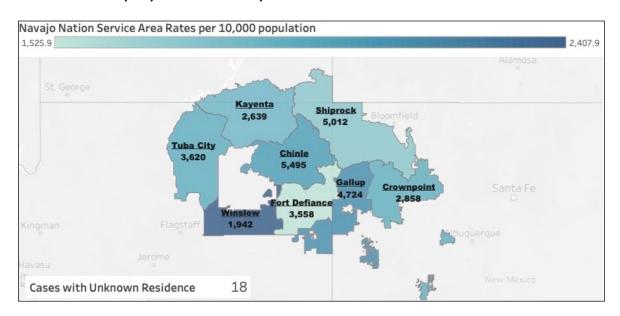
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7 new cases, 16,159 recoveries, and three more deaths related to COVID-19



WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Sunday, the Navajo Department of Health, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center and the Navajo Area Indian Health Service, reported 7 new COVID-19 positive cases for the Navajo Nation and three more deaths. The total number of deaths is now 1,201 as of Sunday. Reports indicate that 16,159 individuals have recovered from COVID-19, and 248,359 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 29,866, including two delayed reported cases.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

Chinle Service Unit: 5,495

Crownpoint Service Unit: 2,858 Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 3,558

Gallup Service Unit: 4,724
Kayenta Service Unit: 2,639
Shiprock Service Unit: 5,012
Tuba City Service Unit: 3,620
Winslow Service Unit: 1,942

* 18 residences with COVID-19 positive cases are not specific enough to place them accurately in a Service Unit.

On Sunday, the state of Arizona reported 1,335 new cases, Utah reported 412, and New Mexico reported 183 new cases. The Navajo Nation's daily curfew remains in effect from 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. (MST) seven days a week. The Navajo Department of Health issued Public Health Emergency Order No. 2021-04, continuing the Navajo Nation's stay-at-home order and daily curfew from 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. (MST), seven days a week. The latest order is in effect until March 15 at 5:00 a.m. (MST).

"Mutations or variants of the COVID-19 virus continue to spread and we won't know the extent of the impacts for some time. Until we know, it's very important that we continue to take all precautions to keep ourselves and our loved ones safe and healthy. With some states lifting safety measures including the Governor of Arizona, the safest place to be is at home here on the Navajo Nation. Please be safe and continue to pray for our health care workers, frontline warriors, and all of our Navajo people. Continue to stay home as much as possible, wear one or two masks in public, avoid large in-person gatherings, practice social distancing, and wash your hands often with soap and warm water," said President Nez.

Health care facilities across the Navajo Nation continue to administer COVID-19 vaccines during drive-thru events or by appointment. If you would like to receive the vaccine, please contact your health care provider for more information for your Service Unit.

"Our health care workers are vaccinating people as quickly as possible, but please remember that even if you receive the vaccine you must continue to take precautions to protect yourself from COVID-19. We have many elders in our communities, so please think of them and be cautious at all times. Be safe and continue to pray," said Vice President Myron Lizer.

For more information, including helpful prevention tips, and resources to help stop the spread of COVID-19, visit the Navajo Department of Health's COVID-19 website: http://www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/COVID-19. For COVID-19 related questions and information, call (928) 871-7014.

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